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**PROFESSION de FOI pour faire partie de la Section 23
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Dear Colleagues,

Along my career, I addressed key steps in genes expression, in a variety of biological models. During my Ph. D., I analyzed the control of mRNA expression in Teleost fishes. Then, I focused on translational control, first during T lymphocytes activation, as post-doc. in Madrid, second during starfish meiosis, as a CNRS CR2. After which, I focused on the folding of proteins and their assembly into functional complexes, in Montpellier. This gave me a broad comprehension of gene expression, but also experience with very different biological systems: from wild starfish and eels, to drosophila, mouse and cell culture. Also, I had to work in very different environments: in a small marine station in Banyuls-sur-mer to labs. integrated in the scientific network of Montpellier.

I have undertaken various responsibilities (see my CV), supervising all classes of students, an assistant ingénieure, and co-supervising four Ph.D. students. I am in charge of a European network of labs. to decipher the mechanisms of a very important chaperone called R2TP, and to address its therapeutic potential in colorectal cancer.

Now, I want to participate to the Comité National de la Recherche Scientifique because I am very attached to the transparency and fairness of our system. This is crucial to evaluate and recruit young researchers. I feel it is my duty to devote time to the Comité, and energy to support this function. Also, my personal experience endowed me with a broad understanding of the different scientific entities in France, and I understand the differences between working in a big university or a small lab. I appreciate the challenges linked to studying off-the-beaten track models. I want to foster scientists with new ideas, new concepts and new models, and above all: fresh motivations.

For all these reasons, I propose to participate to the Section 23 du Comité National de la Recherche Scientifique.

Sincerely,

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